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Final

Communities in Bloom Committee

Tuesday, November 5, 2024 | **4:00 PM** | **Huronia Room A**

COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM COMMITTEE REPORT
For consideration by the Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee on November 13, 2024.

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Councillor, AM. Kungl at 4:10 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present:	5 -	Chair – Councillor AM. Kungl
		Y. Balaban
		D. Ramsay
		N. Shammas
		T. Thomas
Absent:	2 -	K. Bagnell
		D. Brooke-Bagnell

STAFF:
Coordinator of Elections and Special Projects, T. McArthur
Horticulture Foreperson, M. Boyd
Legislative Coordinator, T. Maynard

The Communities in Bloom Committee met and reports as follows:

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Committee members and City staff provided round table introductions and welcomed new Committee members Yasemin Balaban, Tyneisha Thomas and Natalie Shammas.

COMMITTEE MID-TERM TRAINING

Tara McArthur, Coordinator of Elections and Special Projects, provided a presentation to the committee regarding committee process

Ms. McArthur discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- Council and Committee Code of Conduct;
- The Municipal Conflict of Interest Act;
- The decision making process;
- The City of Barrie Procedural By-law;
- The Procedural By-law - Public Notice Accountability;
- Agenda items and deadlines;
- Quorum and meeting dates moving forward;
- Roles of the Chair and Committee Members;
- The Committee Work Plan; and
- Committee Working Groups.

The Committee asked a number of questions of Ms. McArthur and received responses.

2024 COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM PROGRAM UPDATE

Councillor, AM. Kungl and Mona Boyd, Horticulture Foreperson provided a historical background of the Communities in Bloom program including the Committee members role to support participating in the program. Councillor Kungl and Ms. Boyd provided an overview of the 2024 Communities in Bloom program including the judges visit.

Mona Boyd distributed copies of the 2024 Communities in Bloom evaluation form to the Committee members.

Councillor Kungl and Mona Boyd announced that the City of Barrie was recognized at the 30th anniversary of the Communities in Bloom National and International Awards Ceremonies held in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island in October 2024. Councillor Kungl announced that the City of Barrie won the International Challenge Large category, earning a 5 Blooms Gold and special mention for the Waterfront Strategic Plan, and received an outstanding achievement award for the Canadian Nursery Landscape Association Green Cities Award for the Marina Sea Bin Project.

Councillor Kungl discussed plans to host a Communities in Bloom staff recognition event on November 20, 2024, and that further information will be provided to the Committee once plans have been finalized. Tyneisha Thomas volunteered to prepare a poem about the Communities in Bloom program to be read at the recognition event.

COMMITTEE BUDGET UPDATE

Tammie Maynard, Legislative Coordinator provided an update concerning the Committee's 2024 budget.

Mona Boyd, Horticulture Foreperson provided an update on the expenditures related to the 2024 Communities in Bloom program.

The Committee discussed that funds remaining in the 2024 budget be used for a Communities in Bloom Recognition.

The Committee approved an expenditure of the remaining Communities in Bloom budget of up to $4,000.00 for a Communities in Bloom staff recognition.

PARTICIPATION IN THE 2025 COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM PROGRAM

Mona Boyd, Horticulture Foreperson advised that 2025 Communities in Bloom Program theme is "edible" meaning food security and giving back to the Community. Ms. Boyd indicated that registration for next years CIB program would take place in early, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

CHAIRMAN